

REMARKS

Each of the independent claims 1, 7, 14 and 20 has been further amended as explained below. Claim 1 now incorporates the features of claim 3, claim 7 the features of claims 8 and 9, claim 14 the features of claims 16 and 17, and claim 20 the features of claim 21. As such, claims 3, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 21 have been canceled. The dependency of claim 10 has also been changed, so as not to depend on a canceled claim.

Each of the independent claims now requires identifying and processing each presentation object encountered in the presentation file. To this end, claim 1 recites generating a set of first compressed single image format images, one for each identified presentation object, respectively capturing each such object without any effect, and generating a set of second compressed single image format images, one for each identified presentation object having a presentation effect applied, respectively capturing each such object at an end point of the effect applied to it. Each of claims 14 and 20 contain similar recitations regarding the generation of two sets of compressed single image format images, one set showing objects without effect and the other showing those objects to which an effect has been applied in that state.

Claim 1 further recites that the identifying includes identification of presentation attributes and any presentation effect of each such object. In claim 7, part of the processing includes determining whether each presentation object has effects applied, which is based at least in part on an examination of each attribute assigned to each such object. Claim 14 recites instructions for the processing discussed immediately above with regard to claim 7. As further recited in claim 7, the result of the examination is again used in determining whether each presentation object is an animated GIF object.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references, taken alone or in combination, teach any of the combinations of independent claims 1, 7, 14 and 20 as amended herein. The teachings of *Syncomatic* (both *Sync-O-Matic Style Files* and *Producing a Lecture Using Sync-O-Matic 2000*) with respect to converting slides in a PowerPoint file to a corresponding series of GIF images is very general. It is silent as to many of the details now recited in the claims. In addition to

reciting more detail as to the identification and examination of each presentation object includes its attributes, applicants' claimed invention involves processing each presentation object, such as a GIF object, that is animated or to which an effect is applied, to generate the compressed image files, which is different from the *Syncomatic* process, which merely copies any GIF that is encountered in the conversion process, since GIF is the destination format. See page 1 of *Sync-O-Matic Style Files*.

A teaching of generating an MPEG movie file from slides created with a presentation program, as provided in *Lin*, fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Syncomatic*. Applicants' claimed invention is not directed to creating a movie file; rather, it is directed to creating compressed single image files or JPEG image format files. Not only is the destination format of *Lin* different from that of the claimed invention, it is also different from that of *Syncomatic*, which destination format is a series of GIF images. Considering these differences, the combining of these two references would not achieve the claimed invention.

With respect to *de Queiroz*, it is silent regarding conversion of a presentation file and in particular contains no teaching of either of the determining steps of claim 7.

It is believed that the amendments herein not only place the application in condition for allowance but do so without raising any new issues, because the amendatory language added to each of the independent claims is largely taken from one or more dependent claims that have now been canceled.

Should the Examiner believe that any issues remain outstanding, he is respectfully requested to contact applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issue(s) and advance the case to grant.

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